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OUR BOROUGH FATHERS.

Held an Important Session on Monday Night.

A NEW COUNCILMAN FROM WEST WARD

Charles Tripple Named to Serve Out the Unexpired Term of the Late Wm. Shortridge—The Old Police Force Re-Appointed.

BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$203.75 PAID

The regular semi-monthly session of the town council was held Monday evening in the public building and business of importance was transacted. President Keller was in the chair with the following members present: Gerberich, Lowery, Sheffer, Garrity, Houser and Wetzel.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Clerk Isaac Mitchell and there being no corrections they stood approved.

Chairman Lowery of the street committee reported the cleaning of sewers on Allegheny and Howard streets. Also cleaned Allegheny from Parrish's drug store to Bishop street; High from Harris' hardware to McCalmont's store; Dunlop street to Keel & Supply company office.

Chairman Gerberich of Water committee reported repairing leaks to water pipes on Penn street and Jail Hill; tapped pipe on East High street for Henry Smith. Everything at water works in good order.

There was no reports from any of the other committees. The fire and police committee recommended the retention of the present police force at their same salary on good behavior. They further recommended the appointment of Wm. Garis and Josh Foulk as extra police to act on special occasions and in case one of the regular police should be absent from duty. All days when any of the regular police are absent on any other business their pay is to be taken from them and given to the substitutes. Much complaint has been made on account of the present police being absent from duty, attending to other business, while their pay went on just the same. The appointment of the extra police is to correct this evil. On this recommendation the council appointed the present police force with the substitutes also.

The next business before council was the appointment of a councilman to succeed the late Wm. Shortridge. The name of Charles Tripple was suggested by Mr. Lowery and there being no others mentioned he was unanimously elected to fill out the unexpired term.

W. Rees complained of the creek opposite the steam laundry. Moss has gathered there and all the filth and refuse that comes down the creek collects and a very unhealthy odor is thrown out. This complaint was referred to the nuisance committee with power.

In closing our account of this meeting we feel like complimenting President Harry Keller for the very efficient manner in which he presides over council. Everything is conducted with promptness and in a business like manner, and no time is wasted in useless argument. The council made a wise selection when they named him.

The following bills were approved and orders drawn:

Water pay roll	\$40.00
Street " "	23.00
Police " "	35.00
W. P. Humes, balance rent on old building	93.75
C. F. Cook, treasurer	6.00
A. Baum, hauling engine to three fires	6.00
Total	\$203.75

—Get your sale bills printed at this office.

Spangler not an Aspirant

Washington, March 20.—It is reported here that Col. J. L. Spangler, of Bellefonte, who was the Democratic candidate for Congress against Representative Arnold in the Twenty-eighth district in 1896 and who was believed to be anxious for the nomination this year, has changed his mind and will not be an aspirant. It is now said that C. M. Bower, of Bellefonte, who was law partner of the late Judge Orvis, will seek the instructions of the Center county Democracy. He will be opposed by J. N. Cassanova, of Philipsburg, another Centre county man with Congressional aspirations.

In Clearfield county the contest will be between ex-Judge D. L. Krebs and Matt. Savage, editor of the "Public Spirit" and secretary of the Democratic State committee. Judge Krebs has the support of ex-Representative James Kerr, while Savage has the county organization, and the chances seem to be that he will defeat Krebs.

J. K. P. Hall, of Ridgway, Elk county, has decided not to be a candidate, and Forest county will not have a candidate unless someone runs at the instance of Mr. Hall, who will control the conferees. Thus Hall will control the votes of Elk and Forest, and, if he should favor Savage, the latter, should he get the Clearfield conferees, may be the candidate.

Clarion county has two candidates, Prof. A. J. Davis, of the State Normal school, and D. M. Gary, a young attorney, each of whom is the representative of the two factions, Brown and anti-Brown, into which the Clarion county Democracy is divided. The Brown faction trains with Mr. Hall, of Elk. Thus the Democratic candidate will probably come from Clearfield or Clarion, with the chances possibly favoring the one to whom J. K. P. Hall throws his influence. Some think that it will go to a Clarion county man.

Milton Girl in a Trance.

Word comes from Milton of a particularly sad case. A few days ago Miss Grace Wilson visited a local dentist to have an aching tooth extracted, and by request was placed under the influence of ether. After the operation had been performed she was aroused, but did not fully recover from the effect of the drug. Saturday her mind was unbalanced. On Saturday a week ago she became unconscious and seemed like one dead. A physician was summoned and he pronounced her to be in a trance. She remained in this condition until Tuesday last when she regained consciousness and told those around her that she had had a vision of heaven and hell and described the beauty of the one place and the terrible pain and suffering in the other. She also said that Harry Farley—who was then quite ill—would die at 6 o'clock Tuesday night. This came true. From that time on she has apparently lost her reason.

Bismarck's Health Poor.

Berlin, March 20.—That the reports regarding the state of Prince Bismarck's health are not founded on facts is shown by a letter which Herr Chrysander has addressed to the Hamburg admirers of the ex-Chancellor. Herr Chrysander is the private secretary of the Prince.

The letter counsels the postponement of the annual pilgrimage of the Hamburg deputations to Friedrichsruhe, April 1, the birthday anniversary of the Prince, on account of his weak condition. Herr Chrysander extends the hope that Prince Bismarck will be able to receive his friends a month or so later, as his health is generally best in the early part of the summer.

Men Who do a Town Harm.

There are eight classes of men who do the town more harm than good, as follows: First, those who oppose improvements; second, those who run it down to strangers; third, those who distrust public spirited men; fourth, those who show no hospitality; fifth, those who hate to see others make money; sixth, those who oppose every movement which does not originate with themselves; seventh, those who put on a long face when a stranger talks of locating in town; eighth, those who oppose every public enterprise which does not appear as a direct benefit to themselves. You don't belong to any of these classes, do you?

Name Was Unfortunate.

John Damm, a West Virginian, was married at a distance from home and received this telegram from the old folks: "Accept congratulations from the whole Damm family."

CHINESE IN REBELLION

Revolution Being Fomented by Officers of Several Provinces.

FEAR DECREASE IN PERQUISITES

Revoltors Making Efforts to Secure Firearms for Followers, and Authorities are Helpless.

MANCHU DYNASTY IN DANGER

LONDON, March 20.—A special dispatch from Shanghai received here today says a conspiracy, with the object of bringing about a rebellion, has been started by Chinese officials of various ranks at Chang-Sha, in the province of Hunan. It is said to have spread to all the provinces bordering on the Yang-Tse-Kiang, and fears are expressed that it may prove to be the most formidable since the Tai Ping rebellion.

It is professedly a patriotic movement to overthrow the Manchu Dynasty and save the central province from European control. But it is suspected that this plot emanates from the mandarins, who are alarmed at the prospect of a diversion of part of their pickings to pay the interest on the new loan. The Pekin authorities are cognizant of the movement; but, distrusting the loyalty of the provincial satraps, they are helpless.

The conspirators are said to have approached British subjects with inducements to join in the rebellion and they have also offered large sums of money for arms.

There was an important conference of the British cabinet this morning in continuation of yesterday's discussion of the Chinese question. It is reported that Great Britain requests Russia to give guarantees that the warships of the world will be allowed to enter Port Arthur free of duty. Great Britain in this matter is ostensibly acting at the instance of China.

A Pekin cablegram says: The recent inactivity of the Russians at Pekin is explained by the fact that the negotiations have again been transferred to St. Petersburg, owing to the difficulties encountered here. The coincidence of the French demands being presented on the eve of the emission of the Chinese loan in London is much commented upon and it is asserted that France and Russia are trying their best to wreck the loan.

Upon the occasion of the last visit of the French Ambassador to the Chinese Foreign Office the Chinese refused to accede to the French proposals, and the Ambassador said that when he next visited the Foreign Office he would present stronger arguments, and would even threaten active operations from Tong King and the forcible seizure of a coaling station.

The general opinion here is that it is impossible to disregard the persistent rumors, circulated in well informed circles, that Russia has abandoned her attempts to lease Port Arthur, but has not ceased her negotiations regarding Ta Lien Wan.

An Address on Finance.

Cleveland, March 18.—Secretary of the Treasury Gage delivered an address this evening before the Chamber of Commerce upon the financial question. This was in acceptance of an invitation given Secretary Gage several weeks ago by the Chamber. The Secretary was met by the officers of the Chamber upon his arrival in the city and escorted to the Hollenden. At 6 o'clock they had dinner together and then proceeded to the Chamber, which was densely crowded with the leading business men of the city. No one but members were admitted. After the address the Secretary was entertained at the Union Club.

Advertise in The Bellefonte Republican.

Foster's Weather Forecast.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 18th to 22d, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about the 23d, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 24th, great central valleys 25th to 27th, eastern states 28th.

A warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 23d, great central valleys 25th, eastern states 27th. A cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 26th, great central valleys 28th, eastern states 30.

Temperature of the week ending March 26 will average above east, and below west of the Rocky mountain ridge.

Rainfall for the same period will be above in northern, below in southern states, and about normal west of the Rockies.

Severe and dangerous storms are expected during the passage of the storm disturbance described in this bulletin, that is while the low is crossing the continent from the far west on 23d to the far east on 28th. Preceding this storm wave a hot wave may be looked for, and being about the opening of spring in the northern states, this hot wave will lead many to believe that planting time has come. Better not lean too heavily on that belief, for it might prove a treacherous staff.

There are some indications that a great inversion of temperatures will occur in the northern states about March 23. I have not been able to fully determine this matter, but as it will only be eight days to the first of April, I would advise all who may contemplate work with which a sudden fall of temperature would materially interfere to wait.

Twelfth Annual.

JERSEY SHORE, March 17.—The Women's Foreign Missionary societies of the Evangelical Lutheran church will hold their twelfth annual meeting at the church next Sunday evening. The following program has been prepared:

Processional, Mission band, scripture reading and prayer; anthem, choir, recitation and song, "The Mission of Good Cheer." The three missions. Vocal duet, Mr. and Mrs. George Ashton, an old song with new meaning; president's address; a missionary exercise, Ruth Garverick, Elizabeth Rowland, Sarah Zettle, Gertrude Hayland, Marion Garman, Amy Zettle. Secretary's report; treasurer's report. Vocal duet, "Send Out the Light," Viola Palmer and Mabel Garman. Bishop Heber's great hymn, illustrated by eight young ladies. Address by the pastor. Offering: vocal solo, "Bidding to the Feast." Doxology; benediction.

In Memory of the Late Michael Fishburn.

Resolutions of Respect were passed by Logan Grange, No. 109 at their first regular meeting in March.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst by death, brother Michael Fishburn who was but recently received into our order.

Resolved, that we bow in submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. That our charter be draped in mourning and that we extend to his bereaved wife our heartfelt sympathy in her affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the bereaved widow, that they be entered upon the minutes of the Grange, and that proofs of the same be sent to two of our county papers for publication.

F. W. MUSSER,
C. S. HAZEL,
ALMA KLINE, } Com.

A Fast Newspaper Train.

A faster newspaper train was put on the road between Philadelphia and Williamsport Friday morning. The train left Philadelphia at 2:15 o'clock, stopped at Harrisburg and Sunburg and pulled into Williamsport at 7 o'clock, thus traversing the distance of 197 miles in four and three-quarter hours. The engine used was 2014, and Engineer John E. Calvert and Fireman George Green were in charge.

Terrible Loss of Life.

MADRID, March 18.—A terrible explosion took place to-day in the Santa Isabel mine, at Belmez, province of Cordova. Seventy corpses have already been recovered and many more are as yet unaccounted for. Five of those rescued alive died later.

NOW ON ITS WAY!

The Famous Report of the Maine Inquiry Board.

MARIX IS CONVEYING IT

Officers of the Maine Who Are at Key West—This Taken as Evidence That They Will Not be Recalled.

PEOPLE ARE NOW GUESSING

Key West, Fla., March 22.—Lieutenant Commander Marix, judge advocate of the United States naval court of inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine left Key West this afternoon on his way to Washington, by the City of Key West, bound for Miami, taking with him the report of the court on the disaster. Commander Marix brought the report ashore from the Nashville to-day, and Rear Admiral Sicard, with Commander Marix, spent several hours in its further revision.

All the officers of the Maine now here, except Paymaster's Clerk McCarthy have received orders to leave for their homes; there to await orders, as in the case of the other officers who left here last week. This is considered to be evidence that the court will not require the corroboration of technical evidence as was thought a few days ago.

The majority of the officers of the Maine leave here this afternoon for Miami and the remainder of them leave tomorrow for Tampa.

Before leaving Key West Commander Marix said nothing could be given out about the work of the court of inquiry or its finding.

Personally, the commander said he was intensely relieved at completing his labors. If the train connections are made he will arrive in Washington with the documents Thursday.

Within the last few days a minority sentiment has been steadily growing that the court has been able to determine definitely the cause of the explosion. Still, it is true that a majority hold to the conviction that the report will find and prove that the Maine was blown up internally.

Spring Creek on the Rampage.

The heavy rains of the past few days have caused the usual peaceful waters of Spring Creek to rise to such an extent that it has overflowed its banks in several places doing considerable damage. The water Wednesday morning reached the highest mark it has touched in several years.

For several weeks past men have been at work reclaiming the water power at Reynold's mill and the work was about completed but the high water of the morning completely undid all their hard work causing a damage of several hundred dollars.

The Buffalo Run was also overflowing its banks Wednesday morning and a wash out above Coleville on the Bellefonte Central railroad was the result.

The morning train on that road had to transfer their passengers.

Reports from down the Bald Eagle and at Lock Haven report high water and much damage done.

Death of George Lebo.

George Lebo, whose critical illness was noted a few days ago, died Saturday at his home, near Haneyville. George was the demented son of Isaac Lebo, and his name was frequently mentioned during the Edna Crider murder trial. The father and brother of the deceased are now serving terms in the Williamsport jail. Deceased was about 22 years old. His funeral took place at Haneyville Tuesday.

Ate Laurel Leaves.

George Vossburg, aged 4 years, died a few days ago at Driftwood from Laurel poisoning. The child and his brother and sister were out in the woods gathering tea berries, among which it is supposed he gathered laurel leaves, which he ate. That night he became very ill, and suffered intensely until he expired.

Recruit Regulars for Baltimore.

Altoona Tribune: Twenty members of Company K, Twenty first regiment, United States army, passed east on fast line this morning en route from Columbus, O., to Baltimore, Md. The soldiers were recruits enlisted for regular heavy artillery service. After some weeks' drill the soldiers will go into active service in the forts near Baltimore.

Delegate to State Convention.

The friends of John M. Dale, Esq., are urging him to be a candidate for delegate to the State Convention, subject to the approval of the Republican county convention, and we understand that Mr. Dale has consented to serve his friends in this capacity. The convention could not do better than to send him as their representative. He is an old time Republican, always true to the best interest of the party and will serve them to the complete satisfaction of everyone.

PENSION FOR AN AGED LADY.

A Bill to Pay One to Mrs. Nancy C. Barger.

The announcement that Senator M. S. Quay on Thursday introduced a bill in the senate for the pensioning of Mrs. Nancy C. Barger, of this county, at \$8 per month, has been received here with undisguised satisfaction. "Grandma Barger" is now the most esteemed resident of the county, because of her advanced age, the introduction of the bill in her favor on the 17th of March being coincident with the fact that on that day she was just 105 years and 6 months old. Mrs. Barger did draw a pension for a number of years, but she was one of the unlucky ones cut off during Hoke Smith's first few months in the pension office as commissioner, and up to this time all efforts to have the same restored have proven futile.

Mrs. Barger's maiden name was Nancy Tate, and she was born at Middle Ridge, in Cumberland county, in 1792. At the age of 20 she ran away from home and married George Barger, and the young couple came to this county in 1816. Her husband served with distinction through the war of 1812. The Barger family lived at various places hereabouts until in 1832 when they moved to Curtin's works, then operated by Roland Curtin, father of ex-Governor A. G. Curtin, and from that time on they have occupied the same old log house. Mr. Barger died in 1852, being at the time a member of the state militia. When the war of the rebellion broke out four of the five sons of Mrs. Barger, namely, William, James, Constance and John, went to the war, Samuel, the oldest, remaining at home to care for his mother.

Of the four soldier boys three returned after serving all through the war and are living to-day, but John fell in the thick of battle during the Peninsula campaign. It was for her son John's death that Mrs. Barger had been drawing a pension. Samuel Barger never married but always lived at home with his mother, but now he is an old and decrepit man, aged 84 years, and not able to give his mother the care and comforts she should be surrounded with, hence the united interest in behalf of the effort to secure for her a pension, to which she seems justly entitled. As long as Governor Curtin lived he took an unusual interest in the centenarian, and now her wants are looked after by her neighbors, but as Mrs. Barger is independent in character and believes herself entitled to a pension, she would much prefer such support. She is the owner of a small farm, but the age of herself and son prevents the working of it to pecuniary advantage. Mrs. Barger yet enjoys comparatively good health, despite her great age.

Don't Forget the Anniversary.

This Thursday evening the Ladies Aid Society of the United Brethren church, will celebrate their 3rd anniversary in their church, on West High street. The ladies are preparing a grand programme and feast for everyone that will attend. Special singing recitations solos, and select readings, will be included in this programme, followed by some very interesting addresses by ministers from a distance. After the programme of music and recitations has been followed out, a grand sociable will be held, when the ladies will serve refreshments. Go and enjoy an evening of innocent amusement, and help the good cause along. Don't make any other engagement for to night, as you can spend the whole evening at this entertainment.

Finally Turned Up.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 20.—The bark Hayden Brown arrived here yesterday. She left Philadelphia nearly one year ago and was for a long time considered lost.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

That of Central Pennsylvania Opens in Danville.

DANVILLE, Pa., March 16.—The thirtieth session of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was opened in the opera house this morning with Bishop E. G. Andrews, of Buffalo, in the chair. The bishop read from Romans viii and offered a devout prayer. The organization was completed by the election of Rev. T. S. Wilcox, secretary; Rev. T. M. Allen, statistician, and Rev. John Horning, treasurer. The standing committees were nominated by the presiding elders and the rules governing previous sessions adopted. A resolution touching the death of Mrs. Jennie Gordon in Africa, was adopted. Rev. I. H. Torrence sent greetings from his bed of sickness and a committee was appointed to bear the greetings of the conference to our afflicted brother. Revs. James Morrow and W. A. Spencer addressed the conference briefly in the interests of the Pennsylvania Bible society and the church extension society, respectively.

Revs. D. Montee and E. H. Yocum read comprehensive papers descriptive of the work accomplished on the Altoona and Danville districts respectively. The character of all the preachers in these districts passed without complaint, as did also the supernumeraries.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Andrews.

At 2 o'clock Rev. A. S. Fasic, of New Cumberland, preached the annual missionary sermon in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church. At its conclusion Rev. James Morrow spoke in the interests of the Bible society and then followed a Pentecostal service, conducted by Rev. R. C. Conner, of Bloomsburg.

At 7:30 o'clock the anniversary of the church extension was held, addresses being delivered by Revs. W. A. Spencer, D. D., and M. T. Swartz.

DANVILLE, March 18.—Rev. W. A. Stephens, D. D., of Bellefonte, conducted the devotions at the opening of the conference sessions to-day.

Drafts for \$1,288 from the book concern \$22 from the chartered fund and \$30 from the bequests of Mrs. Christian were ordered. Dr. Freeman, of the Sunday School union, briefly addressed the conference, stating, among other things, that we have 31,000 Sunday schools, with about 350,000 officers and teachers and 2,600,000 scholars.

A resolution was offered by Rev. W. W. Cadie, and made the order of the day for Saturday at 10 o'clock, which recommends the organization of the conference into six districts, instead of five, as at present.

Rev. Dr. Sheldon, of the Boston School of Theology, represented that institution in a brief speech. There are now in attendance 160 young men, 100 of whom hold college diplomas. About fifty have gone from this school to work in the foreign fields.

The semi-centennial will be celebrated in May or June next. Dr. C. M. Payne of the board of education, urged the preachers not to let anybody die without

making a bequest to the board. This board assists a large number of young men and women in getting an education. Last year 1,754 were helped in 132 institutions, representing twenty-four nationalities. Revs. J. B. Mann and E. J. Gray were appointed to visit Rev. I. H. Torrence. Letters were read from Bishop Bowman and Rev. Jesse Bowman Young containing greetings for the conference. The following young men were continued in the probationary list: Revs. David Y. Brouse, Robert J. Allen, William W. Rothrock, James J. Resh, M. S. Derstine, Dorsey N. Miller, Conway W. Dickson, S. J. Sarver and Frederick G. sleep.

Those who have served two years as probationers were called forward, briefly addressed by the bishop and answering satisfactorily the disciplinary questions, were admitted into full connection and elected to deacons orders.

Following is the list: David F. Kapp, Elmer E. McKelvey, Daniel M. Grover, Samuel S. Carnill, Matthew N. Walker, Alvin S. Williams, John C. Grimes and George S. Womer. The following were continued on trial another year: Thomas W. McKenty, Henry D. Flanagan, and William C. Charlton. Conference adjourned with the benediction.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society held a meeting at 2:30 p. m., at which Mrs. L. D. Osborne, recently returned from India, made an address. Bishop E. H. Fowler delivered his great lecture on "Abraham Lincoln" at 11:30 p. m.

"President's Own."

CANTON, O., March 16.—Officers have been named for the regiment of provisional troops organized in this city, to be known as "The President's Own."

The regiment is composed of more than six hundred volunteers, including some of the best young men of the city. All of the selections of staff officers are subject to the approval of Governor Bushnell. All the officers have had military training. Harry Freese, who commanded company I, of the eighth Ohio National Guard, is named as colonel. He was commander of the Canton troop that did service in leading the McKinley delegations about the city. James McKinley, nephew of the president is sergeant. Rev. O. B. Milligan, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has volunteered to be chaplain.

Within twenty-four hours after a call for troops is made, should such a call come the Canton regiment will be ready to march. Members are adjusting their life insurance policies, making wills and transacting other important business preparatory to starting for the scene of conflict.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

The next instalment of C. A. Dana's "Reminiscences" (in the April McClure's) will give Mr. Dana's impressions of Lincoln and the several members of the Lincoln cabinet—particularly Seward and Chase—as Mr. Dana saw them officially and socially, day and night, during the most exciting part of the war. The paper will be illustrated with portraits from the Government Collection of War Photographs.

Hamlin Garland has written for the April McClure's "A Romance of Wall Street." It is the true story of the Grant and Ward failure, a most dramatic and panic-stirring event in its day, but now passing rapidly out of remembrance. Mr. Garland, in writing this story, has had access to new material.



Stolen Kisses. Young men do not try to steal kisses from girls who are low and sickly. There is a book containing over a thousand addresses and over three hundred illustrations, that every young woman and man should read. It tells in plain, every day language that anyone can understand, many vital truths that every maid, wife and mother should know. It tells the untold suffering and agony that women endure who enter upon the important duties of wifehood and motherhood without seeing to it that they are strong and well in a womanly way. It tells about a wonderful medicine for women. A medicine that fits for wifehood and motherhood. A marvelous medicine that gives strength, vigor, vitality and elasticity to the delicate and important feminine organs that bear the brunt of maternity. It contains the names, addresses and photographs of many hundreds of women who were weak, sickly, nervous, fretful, childless wives, but who are now healthy, happy, amiable wives and mothers, through the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. That book is Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. It used to cost \$1.50, now it is free. Send 21 one-cent stamps to cover mailing only for a paper-covered copy. Fine French cloth binding, 10 cents extra. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

"During the fall and winter of 1894 I was engaged in teaching at Public School No. 31, in Smith Co., near Tyler, Texas," writes Mrs. F. Sneed, of Omen, Texas. "During this time my wife was badly afflicted with female weakness. We tried three of the best physicians in the county without benefit to my wife's health, but at great expense. My wife grew weaker and we gave up in despair. She could not get in and out of doors without help. She was not able to stand on her feet long at a time, and complained of dragging down pains in the abdomen. Nothing but an untimely death seemed awaiting her. I wrote to Dr. Pierce for his advice. My wife took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and in six months was completely cured at a cost of less than one month's treatment by the last physician we employed before consulting Dr. Pierce."

A Cuban Prisoner of War.

On Thursday night, March 24th, Ona Melton, who was one of the "Competitor," prisoners and served eighteen months in a Spanish prison on the island of Cuba, is coming here to lecture on that war-torn land. His lecture will be illustrated by fine lime light pictures of scenes of the rebellion and will doubtless prove highly interesting.

It will be remembered the crew of the United States merchant vessel "Competitor" were seized by the Spaniards and thrown into prison for having aided the insurgents with supplies.

Dr. Miles' Nerve Plaster Cures RHEUMATISM, WEAK BACKS. At druggists, only 25c. Serves Men for a Cent.

An experimental mission where the poor are to be served meals at a cent a dish and a bed for 5 cents, with a bath thrown in, has been started in Kansas City under direction of the church of the Seventh Day Adventists. One hundred and fifty cots have been obtained and bath tubs and shower baths have been provided together with room for fumigating clothes and a laundry in which a man may wash his own clothes. The meal consists entirely of vegetables because the management are believers in vegetarianism.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Whole Grain for Fowls.

All kinds of fowls have so strong a digestion that it is a waste of labor to grind feed for them. Not only does the food digest equally well when unground, but the fowl thrives better, as it needs just the exercise for its digestive organs that the unground food gives to it.

—Get your sale bills printed at this office.

The effort of the Democratic party in the House of Representatives to force the administration into action on the Cuban question is being generally condemned by the press and thoughtful citizens throughout the country. Even Democratic papers in many cases say frankly that this effort to embarrass the administration in its attempt to carry out a definite policy which it has adopted in the Cuban matter is not only unwarranted from a political standpoint, but ill-advised and in extremely bad taste. The success of the McKinley administration in handling the Cuban matter thus far has been in such marked contrast with that of the administration which preceded it, that thoughtful men are quite willing to leave to the president and his cabinet the right to conclude the work which they have so admirably begun. In the first few weeks of this administration all of the American citizens who were found in Spanish prisons in Cuba at the close of the last administration were released, and such steps taken with reference to the attitude of the Spanish government as to show to the officials of that nation that the new administration would not consent to a continuation of the cruelties which had been practiced upon the Cubans. The result was the presentation of the autonomy proposition which has now been in operation less than a month, and until sufficient time is given to fairly test that, the general feeling is that it is unreasonable that Congress should insist upon mapping out for the president and his administration a policy differing from that which they have steadily and successfully pursued thus far. The men who are talking war and taking steps which they should know must result in war, are as a class, gentlemen who have never smelled powder and probably never desire to, and when they attempt to thoughtlessly and unnecessarily drive into war such men as President McKinley, General Lee, General Alger, and others who have had practical experience in that sort of thing, their course does not meet with popular approval even from the wisest men of their own party.

For Over Fifty Years. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by all druggists in all parts of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

P. O. S. of A. Statistics. Secretaries of P. O. of A. camps have received the annual report for 1897, just issued by State Secretary William Weand, Philadelphia, which contains interesting data. Following statistics relate to camps in he state for the year ending December 31, 1897: Number of propositions for membership received, 8,937; number elected to membership, 9,314; number initiated, 8,407; admitted by cards, 155; reinstated, 742; total number of members December 31, 54,580. Amount paid for sick and funeral benefits, \$138,904.74; total receipts, \$425,085.74; expenses, \$183,369.16; cash in subordinate camp treasuries, \$162,287.58 invested in real estate and bonds, \$657,628.05; valuation of paraphernalia, \$211,359.71. Total valuation of the subordinate camps in the state, \$1,031,377.04.

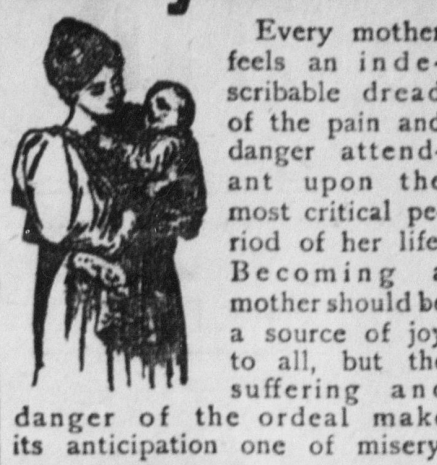
Clinton County Tobacco.

Buyers of leaf tobacco are still circulating among the growers of the weed, making purchases of the '97 crop and preparing for a shipment. Only a small portion of last year's big crop has changed hands, but enough has been sold to indicate that the prices will be a little higher generally than last year and for gilt-edged goods high prices will be realized.

Farmers state that the average price so far is ten cents, but some crops have been sold as high as fourteen cents per pound. Some Bald Eagle valley crops were sold at ten and one-eighth cents. The crop of '97 will put a big pile of money into the pockets of the tobacco growers of this county. The encouraging outlook will induce the farmers to plant a larger crop this year than they in '97.

Advertise in The Bellefonte Republican.

Baby Mine!



Every mother feels an indescribable dread of the pain and danger attendant upon the most critical period of her life. Becoming a mother should be a source of joy to all, but the suffering and danger of the ordeal make its anticipation one of misery.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

is the remedy which relieves women of the great pain and suffering incident to maternity; this hour which is dreaded as woman's severest trial is not only made painless, but all the danger is removed by its use. Those who use this remedy are no longer dependent or gloomy; nervousness, nausea and other distressing conditions are avoided, the system is made ready for the coming event, and the serious accidents so common to the critical hour are obviated by the use of **Mother's Friend**. It is a blessing to woman.

\$1.00 PER BOTTLE at all Drug Stores, or sent by express on receipt of price.

Books containing valuable information of interest to all women, will be sent to any address, upon application, by THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

Huntingdon Elopement.

Word from Huntingdon Friday says that the disappearance several days ago of Thomas R. Read and Mrs. William H. Pridaux was, according to the woman's husband, an elopement. Pridaux says he traced the couple to the west, but there lost the trail. Read is a bachelor, 47 years old, and conducted the leading drug store at Huntingdon, besides being a director of the First National bank. It is understood that he has been meeting Mrs. Pridaux clandestinely for about a year. Three weeks ago Pridaux discovered Read in his wife's company and thrashed him soundly.

Read and Mrs. Pridaux took with them the woman's 12-year-old daughter, leaving another daughter, aged 16. Read who is worth about \$75,000, disposed of his business interests at Huntingdon before departing and converted all his belongings into cash. Mrs. Pridaux is a very beautiful woman, and it is supposed she was dazzled by Read's wealth. Pridaux returned to Huntingdon Wednesday from his search for the couple and is prostrated by his wife's unfaithfulness.

A Life Saved.

Marvelous cures of throat and lung affections are made daily by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Miss Annie Swan, Petersburg, Va., writes: "My brother was attacked by a bad cough and cold, and it was thought he had consumption. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup was used, and to our great surprise it made him well and hearty. There is no better cure in the world than this Syrup." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere for 25 cents.

Colored Home Talent Entertainment.

The colored people of Bellefonte are now practicing for a home talent entertainment to be given here sometime in April. It will be for the benefit of the A. M. E. church and should be well patronized.

Burning Sores.—The outcome of neglect or bad blood, having a never-failing balm in Dr. Agnew's Ointment. Will heal the most stubborn cases. Soothes irritation almost instantly after first application. It relieves all itching and Burning Skin Diseases in a day. It cures Piles in 3 to 5 nights. 35 cents.—27.

Sold by J. N. & S. Krumrine.

Where Troops Are Moving.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 14.—A dispatch from El Reno, Okla., states that the United States troops at Fort Sill are moving to-night, the objective point being Atlanta. They will be transported by the Rock Island road via Fort Worth, Texas.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

President McKinley's severest labors are, doubtless, before him. In foreign and domestic affairs this first year has been but a preparation for the consummation of policies of the pregnant import. But he approaches them from a plane of popular content and confidence immeasurably elevated above that universal anxious seat of a year ago. The atmosphere of achievement has been created. From the day of the extra session which restored to industrial America its own his has been the most potent personal influence in the official alteration of conditions which to-day is acknowledged by all.—N.Y. Press.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

What Miles May Do.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—General Miles has about decided finally to locate the headquarters of the two new regiments at Forts Slocum and Wadsworth, N. Y., although the determination regarding the latter place is yet open to change.

At the Spanish legation the view prevailed that the situation was much calmer than it had been at any time since the critical juncture began.

Secretary Long says he has not seen or communicated with Stenographer Hultz, one of the court of inquiry's stenographers, since the latter's return from Key West and has therefore received no report from him.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Fire Hagging at Williamsport.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., March 17.—The extensive lumber yard of Ezra Canfield, three miles east of this city, is in flames, and several millions of feet of lumber will be destroyed. A fire company from this city was sent to the scene, but, owing to the high wind, it is not probable that any of the lumber can be saved. No estimate of the loss can be given at this hour.

Pill-Grass.—It stands to reason that Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills will crowd out of the market many of the nauseous old timers. A better medicine at less than half the price is all the argument needed to keep the demand what it has been—phenomenal—40 doses 10 cents. They cure Sick Headache, Biliousness, and allay stomach irritations. At all druggists.—28.

Sold by J. N. & S. Krumrine.

License Application Withdrawn.

Landlord Gramley, of Rebersburg, came to town on Mar. 15, and withdrew his application for license, thus leaving Mr. Nearhood, the only applicant for Rebersburg. Mr. Gramley expects to engage in hotel business at Lock Haven, where he has rented the Eagle hotel.

CASTORIA.

Rev. Chas. T. Aikens will open a spring term of ten weeks in the Pine Grove Academy building on Monday April 4. All students from a distance wishing to attend can obtain boarding at reasonable rates.

Sudden Death on the Increase.

People apparently well and happy to-day, tomorrow are stricken down, and in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred the heart is the cause. The king of heart remedies—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is within the reach of all, and if there are symptoms of heart disorder it should be used with-out delay. It relieves in 30 minutes, and cures most chronic cases.—25.

Sold by J. N. & S. Krumrine.

Ready to Distribute Fry.

The Pennsylvania fish commission at its meeting in Philadelphia, announced that it is ready to receive and fill applications for trout fry. It also announces that in consequence of the state having failed to make any appropriation for fish cultural work, there will be no applications received or filled for any species of fish other than trout; that it has only been able to make distribution of trout through the generosity of public spirited citizens who subscribed money for hatching work and the maintenance of the stations.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy CURES ALL KIDNEY, STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES.

Ate Diseased Pork.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., March 14.—The recent prostration of the entire family of Joseph Demco, in Dromwell township, resulting in two deaths, and which was attributed to an irritant poison, has been found by the authorities to have been caused by diseased pork. An analytic examination showed no trace of poison in the organs of the deceased persons. Last fall Demco killed a sick pig, which he cut up and put in pickle, and on this the family party subsisted during the winter.

No-To-Bac. 50c or \$1.00. Guaranteed tobacco cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, \$1. All druggists.

Condemned to City.

HARRISBURG, March 15.—Judge McPherson handed down an opinion today holding H. J. Honey, Samuel W. Fleming and George V. Fleming, sureties of Isaac W. Gales, former delinquent tax collector, responsible for a shortage of nearly \$5,000 in his accounts. The court censured the city authorities for the loose methods which have for years prevailed in the city treasurer's office and departments of the city government.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy CURES ALL KIDNEY, STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES.

FELL DEAD AT HER FEET

A Young Man Who Mistakenly Believed He Had Heart Disease.

He Simply Scared Himself to Death, for His Heart Was Sound.—What a Pity He Did Not Take Proper Advice!

A dramatic story is told of a young man in Chicago who believed he had heart disease. He abstained from exercise and he avoided excitement. He dined himself persistently and imagined that only by leading an invalid's life could he hope to keep death at arm's length. One day he suddenly met a woman who had been associated with a discreditable chapter in his history.

"My God! my heart!" cried the young man, and he fell at her feet stone dead. An autopsy showed that his heart was absolutely sound. It was the opinion of the physicians that he might have lived to a ripe old age if he had taken the precaution to consult a competent specialist.

The time when a physician was laughed at for devoting himself to one branch of his profession is past. So broad is the field of medical knowledge that no one man can hope to cultivate it all. The seven great men whose portraits accompany this article have earned the undying gratitude of the world by their work as specialists.

Notice that the frame of the pictures is a "5" preceded by a dollar mark. Five dollars is a great or a small sum, according to circumstances. One thing is certain: a five-dollar bill never looks quite so small as when it is considered as the price of a complete diagnosis and full treatment by medical specialists of the highest rank.

Do you think the thing is impossible? The Warner Nazaro Medicine Co., of New York City, has made it possible. At the head of the company is Mr. H. H. Warner, who made himself famous several years ago by the perfection of a remedy for diseases of the



kidneys. He has enlarged the sphere of his usefulness by organizing a staff of specialists, whose services are placed within the reach of a vast public who otherwise would have no means of getting the best special treatment America affords. This superb body of physicians includes authorities on diseases of the blood and the nerves; of the heart, liver and kidneys; of the stomach and bowels. There are specialists in those dreadful maladies that make women wretched, as well as in the obscure and obstinate ailments of men. To have the advantage of the Warner Nazaro Medicine Company's remarkable enterprise, send a frank, full account of your disease to the company's offices, 220 Broadway, New York. One of the symptoms blanks prepared by the Board of Physicians will be mailed you free on application. This will enable you to give a complete history of your affliction. In return, you will get a diagnosis by a learned physician who has made your particular disease the study of his life, and medicine for a month's treatment, should so long a time be necessary for a cure. Please bear in mind that this medicine will be especially prescribed for you. Write today for the symptoms blank.

THE GREAT 20th Day.
FRANCE RIMEDY
 produces the above results in 70 days. It acts
 swiftly and surely. Those when all others fail
 sometimes will regain their health and vigor. You
 will recover their youthful vigor by using
RIMEDY. It quickly and surely restores Nervous
 Energy, Indigestion, Nightly Emission,
 Prostate Gland, Fails to get the blood and
 effects of self-abuse or excess and induces
 health units one for study, business or marriage.
 It is the only thing of the sort of disease, it
 cures all the ailments of the body. It brings
 back the pink glow to pale cheeks and
 gives the glow of youth. It wards off Insanities
 and restores the mind. It is the only thing
 of the sort. It can be carried in the pocket. It is
 \$1.00 per package, or six for \$5.00, with a pos-
 itive guarantee to cure or refund
 the money. Address
WILL MEDICINE CO., 571 Webster Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 For Sale by F. Potts Green.

A HAPPY WOMAN

Writes to Dr. Hartman and Tells Him What Makes Her So.

Mrs. Lucy Lee, of Naples, Tex., had almost come to the conclusion that the blessing of health was no longer hers and so when she regained it, her happiness was almost too great for words. She writes as follows: "I am well now and am en-



joying good health, better than ever before in my life. How happy I feel that I can write and tell you this. I cannot praise Per-na too much. Man-

lin is the best medicine I have ever tried for that purpose; it relieved me from all pain. I advised my neighbor to use Per-na and Man-alin for catarrh and stomach trouble. It is the best in the world. I can do all my housework and not feel it. I can't praise Per-na as I would like to; it is the greatest medicine there is in the world.

Dr. Hartman receives many such letters as this every week. Some of them have been gathered together and published in book form. The book is called "Facts and Faces," and will be sent free to any address by The Per-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

Millheim Murmuring.

Harry Fisher will move to Buffalo, N. Y.

Coon Auman moved from Frog Pond to Millheim last week.

H. S. Springer, and wife spent Monday at Penn Cave.

John Waite, of Coburn, moved to Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Lulu Stover and Mr. and Mrs. Mark, of Pine, Clinton Co., were the guests of Geo. Stover at Coburn last week.

Many changes will take place at Millheim in April.

Wm. Hosterman coal and grain dealer at Coburn has a large grin on his fatherly face. "It's a girl."

H. M. Hog is in the candy butcher business, good luck to Harry.

Benjamin Shaffer, of Spring Mills was in town last week.

Miss Ida Shauver, of Centre Hall, and gentleman friend were in Millheim last week.

A very heavy thunder shower passed over this section on Saturday night no damage was done.

Everybody owning a bicycle was out enjoying themselves on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. The roads were in prime condition, and all hands came home refreshed.

John Hoffa, of Coburn will move to Huntingdon, thereby Coburn will lose one of her best business men and "sports men."

Caution to the Public.

Many imitations of Walter Baker & Co.'s wellknown chocolate in blue wrappers and yellow labels have been put on the market. The genuine article bears the name of WALTER BAKER & CO., LIMITED, DORCHESTER, MASS., and their trade-mark, "La Belle Chocolatiere," is on every package.

Killed by Falling Walls.

St. Louis, Mo., March 22.—The May, Stern & Co. furniture warehouse at Olive and Nineteenth Streets was blown down to-day. The building was partially burned last week.

The body of Philip Brady has been taken from the ruins, and the police and firemen are searching for others. It is not yet known how many men were about the building when the walls fell.

Brady, who was killed was proprietor of a boarding house adjoining, which was destroyed at the time the May, Stern & Co., Building burned last week.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the east wall fell, smashing in a three-story dwelling to the east. It was partially demolished but it is thought that nobody was killed or injured, as the occupants had been warned and had gotten out.

—After serious illness, like typhoid fever pneumonia, or the grip, Hood's Sarsaparilla has wonderful strength-giving power.

—Wilton M. Lindsey, of Warren, was appointed president judge of the Thirty-seventh judicial district, composed of Warren and Forest counties, vice Charles H. Noyes, deceased.

Notice of Application for Charter of Corporation.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Honorable John G. Love, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, on the 25th day of April 1898, for the charter of a corporation to be called "Bethel United Evangelical Church of Unionville," the character and object of which are, for the public worship of God according to the faith of the United Evangelical Church, and the promotion of the interest of religion, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights and privileges of the Corporation Act of 1874 and its supplements.

CLEMENT DALE, Solicitor.

HOTEL BURNED!

A Fatal Fire at Butte City Montana Monday.

SOME TWENTY ARE NOW MISSING

When the Firemen Arrived They Witnessed Many Distressing Scenes. Many Persons Jumped For Their Lives.

RUINS NOW BEING SEARCHED

BUTTE, MONT., March 21.—The Hale house, a large three-story brick building on East Broadway, used as a lodging and boarding house by miners in the employ of the Anaconda company, was entirely destroyed by fire this morning. So far as known two men are dead from injuries received by jumping from windows; another is dying and twenty are missing, while a search of the ruins may disclose the fact that many transient lodgers also lost their lives. There were 250 men and women in the building when the fire broke out. Of these, it is believed, about 200 escaped without injury.

When the firemen arrived men in their underclothing and others half dressed were climbing down the fire escapes in the rear. The servant girls and others were at windows in the front of the building frantically calling for help. They were cut off from the rear of the building by the dense smoke. The ladders were run up, but not before many of the frightened people had jumped. All the female help were gotten out by the firemen. On the side of the building many had made ropes of their bed clothes and sought to escape in that way. Some of them succeeded, but in other cases the ropes broke and the men dropped many feet to the ground.

As fast as the inmates were rescued or jumped, those injured were placed in vehicles and carried to the different hospitals. Those injured slightly or uninjured betook themselves to the houses of neighbors and friends in order to secure some clothing. No one saved anything but what they had on at the time of the fire.

It was impossible to obtain a full list of many who were slightly hurt. The night was bitterly cold, the thermometer registering five degrees below zero. As long as there appeared any chance of any one being in the building the firemen devoted themselves to saving human life. It was only after there was no further chance to do this that they began work on the fire. The flames had gained such headway that two hours after the fire began the walls had fallen in.

It is possible some of the missing men may turn up. Early in the day the list of the supposed dead ran up as high as fifty. This was because many of the men who escaped did not report for work at the mines. Little by little, the list decreased, as men reported until but twenty known lodgers were unaccounted for. It is possible, however, that a number of transient roomers who are not well known may be dead in the ruins. The loss will reach \$100,000.

Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep.

The fire upon the hearth is low, And the re is stillness everywhere; Like troubled spirits, here and there The firelight shadows flitting and creep, And as the shadows round me creep A child's treble breaks the gloom, And softly from a further room Comes: "Now I lay me down to sleep."

And, somehow, with that little prayer And that sweet treble in my ears, My thought goes back to distant years And lingers with a dear one there; And, as I hear the child's amen, My mother's faith comes back to me, Couched at her side I seem to be, And mother holds my hands again.

Oh! for an hour in that dear place! Oh! for the peace of that dear time! Oh! for that childish trust sublime! Oh! for a glimpse of mother's face! Yet, as the shadows round me creep, I do not seem to be alone— Sweet magic of that treble tone— And "Now I lay me down to sleep."

Vernal Equinoctial Storms.

For many period that has beclouded the heavens and saturated the earth since Saturday is proof positive that vernal equinoctial rains are upon us. Yesterday March 21, was the dividing line between winter and spring. The sun entered the first point of Aries, makes the days and nights of equal length. The sun now rises about 7 o'clock and sets at the same hour in the evening. The event is generally accompanied by storms, which vary in severity. These periodical changes often occur a day or two in advance of the date set down in the almanacs. The autumnal equinox is frequently more violent than the vernal. After the vernal equinox the weather changes rapidly in temperature, and vegetation, flowers, etc., begin to grow rapidly.

His Victim Dead.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 20.—Frank Knutson, of East New Haven; who was shot by his brother-in-law, John Erickson, during a quarrel on March 8, died at the hospital to-night. Erickson has thus far escaped arrest.

NEWS FROM DANVILLE.

In the Methodist Conference There Were Several Reports Read.

DANVILLE, Pa., March 20.—The Methodist Episcopal conference love feast was held in the opera house this morning. Long before the hour for opening the services the people began to throng to the place of worship.

The love feast was presided over by Rev. George Warren, and throughout the entire service one testimony after another was given, "in honor of the one Whom we serve." At 10.30 a. m., Bishop E. G. Andrews, D. D., preached on the text of the tenth verse of the tenth chapter of John. At the close of the sermon, Revs. Kapp, McKelvey, Charlton, Grover, Carnill, Walker and Williams were ordained deacons.

At 3 p. m. Dr. B. B. Hamlin, of Houtzdale, delivered a sermon, his subject being "Faith," and text, Hebrews, ii, 3. Dr. Hamlin has been preaching for fifty years. At the close of this service, Bishop Bowman, with the aid of Dr. Harolin and the five presiding elders of this conference, ordained as elders the following: Revs. Kaufman, Bickel, Buyers, Clemens, E. E. and W. H. Harman, Vandermark and Biggs.

MONDAY'S SESSION.

DANVILLE, March 21.—The Methodist conference reassembled at 8:45. Rev. A. R. Miller conducting worship. The report of the board of stewards and committee on necessities cases read, the report giving the appropriations made to the claimants upon the funds of conference. Two thousand nine hundred dollars were given to the old men, \$6,700 to the widows of deceased preachers, \$50 to Joseph Gray in the effective work. Ten thousand dollars is asked for next year, apportioned \$2,100 to each of four large districts and \$1,600 to the Juniata district.

Rev. John P. Polsgrove read his report of Juniata district.

New churches were built at Blain, costing \$9,500; South Everett, \$1,800; Alum Bank, \$1,500; Ray's Hill, \$1,200; Hawk's Bridge, \$1,000; Neelyton, \$1,000; Shirleysburg at Monroe, \$800. There were 1,656 conversions and 1,470 probationers enrolled. Ninety-three senior and nineteen junior leagues are in the district, and 123 Sunday schools. The benevolences are in advance of last year.

Rev. J. H. Black read his report of work on the Williamsport district. Rev. Thompson Mitchell and Rev. M. H. Crosthwaite died during the year. Seven new churches were built, costing in all \$16,000. A new church will replace the one destroyed by fire at Austin. Debts aggregating \$7,730 have been paid. The missionary collection is in advance of last year. More than 2,000 souls were converted.

The character of all the old preachers was passed, after which the report of Williamsport Dickinson seminary was read. Dr. Gray, the president, appealed to the conference for funds toward an endowment and received pledges for \$3,000.

Rev. George E. Reed, D. D., of Dickinson college, briefly addressed the conference. He reports an attendance of over 400 students, the largest enrollment in the history of the institution. He scored unmercifully the drains upon the State treasury in support of certain colleges and universities, to the detriment of others. When the colleges are turned over to the state the possibilities of christian education are defeated. Conference adjourned to meet at 2:30 o'clock.

Rev. William Houck took the chair at the opening of the afternoon session. The session was set apart to the reading of memoirs of those who died during the year. These were Rev. Thompson Mitchell, D. D., Rev. W. E. Hoch, Rev. John W. Clewine, Rev. M. H. Crosthwaite and Rev. George Tarring Gray. Conference adjourned with the benediction.

In St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church the anniversary of the Epworth League was held. At the same hour a session of the conference was held for the hearing and adoption of reports from the various committees.

APPOINTMENTS.

DANVILLE, Pa., March 22.—The thirtieth annual session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church concluded its work this morning.

The following are appointments

for Altoona district:

David I. Monroe, presiding elder. Allegheny Avenue—Henry N. Minnigh.

Eighth Avenue—Benjamin H. Mosser.

Chestnut Avenue—Nathan H. Schenck.

Epworth Mission—Charles A. Biddle.

Fifth Avenue—William McK. Reilly.

First Church—Martin L. Canoe.

Juniata—William A. Stephens.

Simpson Church—George M. Hoke.

Walnut Avenue and Fairview—Wilfred P. Shrener.

Ansonville—John D. Durkee (supply).

Bellefonte—Wm. A. Stephens.

Bellwood—Samuel D. Wilson.

Birmingham—Jonathan R. Scipe.

Centre—John W. Chambers (supply).

Clearfield—Amos H. Baldwin.

Coalport and Irvona—Jacob P. Benford.

Curwensville—John A. Wood, Jr.

Duncansville—S. Milton Frost.

Glen Hope—Hugh Strain.

Grant—David E. Philips (supply).

Half Moon—Robert W. Runyan.

Hastings—George F. Boggs.

Holidaysburg—Edward E. A. Deaver.

Houtzdale—Benjamin B. Camlin.

Howard—Andrew P. Wharton.

Karthus—John O. Collins.

Lumber City—Wilbert W. Cadle.

Mahaffey—John W. Forrest.

Martinsburg and Woodbury—Joshua K. Lloyd.

McKees Gap—Job Truax (supply).

Milesburg and Unionville—Geo. E. King.

Morrisdale—Samuel Blair.

New Washington—William J. Sheaffer.

Osceola Mills—Wm. R. Pickin.

Patton—Edwin H. Whitman.

Penns Valley—Theodore S. Faus.

Phillipsburg—Theophilus L. Tomkinson.

Pleasant Gap—Wm. J. Stuart.

Port Matilda—Edmund White.

Ramey—Henry A. Straub.

Roaring Springs—Elton H. Wallace.

Shawmut—Lemuel L. Logan (supply).

Snow Shoe—Charles W. Rishel.

State College—Asbury W. Guyer.

Cramps' Claims.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The Committee on Claims favorably reported to the House today a bill referring to the Court of Claims the claims made by the Cramps' Shipbuilding Company of Philadelphia for losses and damages arising from the construction of the New York, Columbia, Massachusetts and the Indiana. They aggregate as follows: New York, \$211,018; Columbia, \$192,018; Massachusetts, \$483,757; Indiana, \$480,231.

The contractors allege the Government failed to supply armor or other materials in time and further changed the plans and specifications for the New York.

A capital sketch in the April number of What to Eat is entitled "Pappy," plainly drawn from life and pathetic in its simplicity.

A story to make those who have had experience with church societies smile broadly is one called "Mrs. Briel's Creamed Codfish," wherein are given away the secrets of missionary work.

"Man's Social Thrallism," "A Red Geranium Dinner," "What Women Eat and Drink," poems, recipes, jests for the table, etc. make up the rest of the number.

The publishers are now offering a bicycle for forty subscribers and numerous other premiums for smaller numbers. Single copies 10 cents, or \$1 a year. Send for sample copy and particulars.

WHAT TO EAT.

MINNEAPOLIS.

To Protect the Birds.

Senator Hoar has introduced a bill to prohibit the importation of birds and bird feathers for hat decorations. The fair sex, who do not appear to realize the destructive effects of their fad for feathers, should be willing to spare the lives of the few song birds still remaining in this country.

A Real Catarrh Cure.

The 10 cent trial size of Ely's Cream Balm which can be had of the druggist is sufficient to demonstrate its great merit. Send 10 cents we will mail it. Full size 50c. ELY BROS., 50 Warren St., N. Y. City.

Catarrh caused difficulty in speaking and to a great extent loss of hearing. By the use of Ely's Cream Balm toping a mucous has ceased, voice and hearing have greatly improved.—J. W. Davidson, Atty at Law, Monmouth, Ill.

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Dr. Swallow's Campaign.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—A meeting of the executive committee to promote the nomination and election of Dr. Swallow as governor of Pennsylvania, was held this afternoon and a permanent organization effected. Charles Richardson was elected chairman and Herbert Welsh secretary and treasurer.

Vice presidents will be selected hereafter from different parts of the state.

The following statement was adopted and authorized to be issued to the public:

Under present conditions the republican candidate for governor must necessarily be a man who would be the plant tool of either Quay or Martin and Magee. A governor who will represent the people can only be secured by such an independent and unsought nomination as Dr. S. C. Swallow has been urged to accept.

"Dr. Swallow's record proves that he can neither be bribed, bullied nor drove. His vote of 119,000 for state treasurer last November shows that no other opponent of bossism and corruption would be so sure to succeed. If you can endorse this nomination, or if you desire information for yourself or others, write at once to the S. C. Swallow executive committee, care of City and State, 1305 Arch street, Philadelphia.

"Every name sent to us will add to the strength of the movement and the prospect of success."

The chairman was directed to appoint a committee to wait on Dr. Swallow and confer with him at Harrisburg.

Frauds on Western Banks.

Washington, March 22.—Information has reached the Government, through a number of banks at St. Paul, Minn., that during the past year and more, these and other nearby banks have been made the victims of colossal frauds and that the collusion is suspected of Government clerks connected with the commission having in charge the improvements on the upper Mississippi River.

Full details of the affair have not yet reached the Government, but the statements submitted by the banks indicate that \$300,000 or more has been procured from them through fraudulent time checks for services never performed. Copies of some of these time checks are said to be signed by J. H. Southall, chief clerk of the United States Engineer's office at St. Paul, and are dated at different times during the year 1897. Others, it is understood, are dated in 1896.

How the banks came to be imposed upon to the extent indicated, and why the checks have been withheld until this time, cannot be even conjectured. It is understood that the banks will make a claim for reimbursement, but the law is said here to be clearly against this contention. The Government will begin a searching investigation at once into the whole matter.

Sale Register.

All persons having their sale bills printed at this office can have the same advertised under this head free of charge. In both the REPUBLICAN and DAILY NEWS.

MARCH 28th.—Clement Dale, attorney and trustee, at Eagleville station, as what is known as the Elizabeth D. Kunes' house, bed room suits, common suits, parlor suits, chairs, tables, beds and bedding, mirrors, crockery, pictures, one cow, shingle, carpenter's tools; 12 acres of timberland near Eagleville station, three story house. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m. Joseph L. Neff, auctioneer.

The Constables and Forest Fires.

The season of spring forest fires is here, and an opportunity will be presented to test the efficiency of the new law which went into effect January 1, making the constable of townships fires wardens for the extinguishment of woodland fires, empowering them to employ assistance, and providing for compensation for such work. If properly enforced and carried out, the law ought to result in halting the great loss now annually suffered in the destruction of our rapidly decreasing forest area, and which is such a potent factor in preventing the reforesting of regions that would otherwise grow up in trees. The new law is part of recent legislation with regard to the preserving and restoring of our forests, which has been all too long undertaken.

SOUND-MONEY Democrats in various parts of the country are preparing for an active and vigorous fight against free silver and fusion. The Indiana wing of the sound money party has already taken steps in favor of independent action, and the Iriquois Club, of Chicago, is to hold a banquet April 23, with the purpose of rallying the sound-money Democrats of the country and urging either independent action or co-operation with the Republican party in favor of sound money and national honor in national finance.

Might Have Caused a Wreck.

A few days ago a bundle of newspapers was thrown from a freight train while it was passing through Renova. The bundle rolled under the car wheels and all the cars following passed over it. The cars however all kept the track and a serious accident was narrowly averted.

Bellefonte Markets.

Corrected weekly by Gerberich, Hale & Co. The following quotations are taken at 11 a. m. on Wednesday of each week.

PER BUSHEL	PER TON
Red Wheat..... 92	Ground Plaster..... \$5.00
White Wheat..... 90	PER BUSHEL
Corn, shelled..... 50	Blackhead..... 200
Corn, ears..... 30	Cloverseed..... 100
Oats, old..... 25	Crimson Clover..... 8.00
Oats, new..... 23	Seed..... 8.00
Red Wheat, new..... 23	

PRODUCE MARKETS.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co.

PER POUND	PER BUSHEL
Lard..... 65c	Potatoes..... 75
Country Should..... 60c	Onions..... 10c
Country Sides..... 60c	PER DOZEN
Country Hams..... 60c	Eggs..... 15c
Butter..... 16c	

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY AND ACTIVE gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established house in Penna Monthly \$65.00 and expenses. Position steady. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. Y Chicago.



ELY'S CREAM BALM is a positive cure. Apply to the nostrils. It is quickly absorbed, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; samples free by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 50 Warren St., New York City.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—No communication published unless accompanied by the real name of the writer. Correspondents should write upon but one side of the paper and avoid the use of pale or fancy inks.

EDWARD T. TUTEN.

Local Department.

—Torrence Hunter was on Saturday appointed post master at Mill Hall.

—Both men and women always pretend to forget what was said at the time of marriage proposal.

—If husbands were not so ready to keep their love in cold storage there would be many happier wives.

—Don't forget the anniversary in the U. S. Church this Thursday evening. It will cost you a penny for as many years as you are old.

—Alfred Duff was killed and George Miller fatally wounded by an explosion of dynamite at the Kaska-William colliery near Pottsville.

—Saturday evening a heavy thunder storm passed over this city. The lightning was vivid and the reverberations very heavy.

—Ten thousand demons gnawing away at one's vitals couldn't be much worse than the tortures of itching piles. Yet there's a cure. Doan's Ointment never fails.

—The total membership of the League of American Wheelmen last week was 102,502, of which Pennsylvania had 24,839, and New York 26,829.

—We have received information that in the case of James Cornely, who was convicted of arson at last August Sessions, the Superior Court has affirmed the ruling of the Court below.

—The newspaper that reaches the people in the quiet of their homes, where plain facts can best appeal to the intellect, is by far the most preferable medium of communication—Washington Star.

—Burdock Blood Bitters gives a man a clear head, an active brain, a strong, vigorous body—makes him fit for the battle of life.

—It is said that 79,000 fools and 100 wise men are going to the Klondike this spring. The fools will work the mines and the wise men will work the fools. This is called Klondike ratio.

—At the Spring sales in this county cows brought higher prices than they have for years past, some bringing as much as \$60.00. Horses also brought higher prices than they did last Spring, as well as all farm stock, all of which shows that the farming business is improving along with other business of the country.

—Anyone finding a stray billie goat will please return to constable John Dunlop of the North Ward. For further information inquire of him.

—At Scotia ore mines in this county the men are paid in gold. Recently \$1,200 of it was paid to the men. Some of them didn't know the value of the bright little coins, one Hungarian demanding more pay and another giving his little girl a \$5 piece with which to buy a stick of candy.

—Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup seems especially adapted to the needs of the children. Pleasant to take; soothing in its influence. It is the remedy of all remedies for every form of throat and lung disease.

—Jersey Shore's council has adopted a resolution authorizing the borough constables to arrest every tramp or suspicious looking character seen within the borough limits. The vagabonds will then be taken before a justice and a fine imposed. If the amount is not promptly forthcoming they will be turned over to the street commissioner who will place a ball and chain on them and put them to work in the stone quarry. The balls and chains were ordered Friday morning.

—All the Democrats in town are insisting that Thomas H. Harter will be appointed postmaster at Bellefonte. It don't make any difference what others may say, Mr. Democrat will listen to you with a very wise look, and will finally say "Well at the wind-up you will find that Tom Harter will get it. I do not think he ought to have it, but you will see." So says P. Gray Meek, Al. Garman, Thomas Howley and many others. How wise these Demos are; they always know what Republicans are going to do better than they do themselves. But why are they so persistent in asserting that Tom is the man? How they do love Uncle Tom.

TWO DEATHS AT HOWARD

Mr. George Thomas and Mr. John W. Adams Suddenly Pass Away.

BOTH CAUSED BY APOPLEXY

They Were Highly Respected Citizens and Their Places in the Community Will Be Hard to Fill.

SHORT SKETCHES OF THEIR LIVES

Last Tuesday night just as Mr. George Thomas had entered his home and was about to sit down he was suddenly stricken with apoplexy. After the stroke on Tuesday night Mr. Thomas gradually became worse and worse until last Sunday at 7 o'clock p. m. when his spirit took its flight. Although apparently in good health, it is thought that he was feeling bad, but said nothing on account of his wife, who is seriously ill and could not leave her bed to attend her husband's funeral.

By the death of Mr. Thomas our town has lost a highly esteemed and valuable citizen. Mr. Thomas was a man who had many friends and he will be greatly missed by both young and old. When the Civil War broke out, Mr. Thomas enlisted in Co. E, 93rd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. As a soldier he performed his duty as faithfully as he did that of a citizen.

Deceased was aged 79 years, and is survived by his wife, and six children, John M. C. of Tyrone, William, Thomas, Hunter, and Miss Corilla, of Howard, and Mrs. Mattie Jones of Camden, N. J., and two sisters Mrs. Mary Hunter, of Mill Hall, and Mrs. George Sharp, of Bellefonte.

Funeral sermon was preached at the house on Tuesday at 10 o'clock a. m. by J. R. Schrist of the United Evangelical Church.

JOHN WESLEY ADAMS.

Mr. John Wesley Adams, who has been a resident near Howard for many years was suddenly stricken with apoplexy on Monday evening while returning home from the creamery. Mr. Adams had not been looking well for some time, but his death came very unexpectedly and was a great shock to his family and the community. After the stroke on Monday Mr. Adams lingered till Tuesday at 5:20 o'clock p. m. when he died. Mr. Adams has been a highly respected and esteemed citizen of this community and filled the office of Justice of the Peace for a number of years with credit to himself and the entire satisfaction of those who placed him in so honorable a position, and his familiar figure, too will be greatly missed.

Deceased was born July 20, 1823 and was aged 74 years 8 months and 2 days. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, one brother Thomas of Milesburg, and two daughters, Miss Lela and Mrs. Frank Walker both of Howard.

Funeral sermon will be preached by Rev. J. R. Schrist.

A Sad Errand.

Monday morning Dr. Lawrence Colfelt, received a telegram from his home in Bedford, Pa., stating that his mother was lying at the point of death, the cause of her illness being pneumonia. Mr. Colfelt passed through Bellefonte the same day from State College enroute for the above mentioned place.

Church Dedicated.

The new United Evangelical church at Linden Hall this county was dedicated Sunday. In the morning Bishop W. M. Stanford D. D., of Harrisburg, preached the dedicatory sermon being assisted in the services by Revs. Gooding, of Bellefonte, and J. J. Lohr, of Millheim.

In the evening Rev. E. A. Goble, president of Central Pennsylvania College officiated.

—President Lincoln, once being asked after a long voyage along the coast on a steamboat, how he was, replied: "I am not feeling very well, I got pretty badly shaken up on the bay coming along, and am not altogether over it yet." "Let me send for a bottle of champagne for you, Mr. President," said a staff officer, "that is the best remedy I know of for seasickness." "No, no, no, my young friend," replied the president. "I've seen many a man in my times seasick ashore from drinking that very article."

—Croup instantly relieved. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Perfectly safe. Never fails. At any drug store.

DEATH OF HARRY Y. SMELTZER.

Occurred at Selinsgrove, Pa., About 7 o'clock Wednesday Morning.

Wednesday morning the sad intelligence reached here of the death of Harry Y. Smeltzer youngest son of Albert and Anna Smeltzer of Pleasant Gap.

The young man's death occurred between 7 and 8 o'clock that morning at Selinsgrove, Pa., where he was studying for the ministry. He had been suffering from rheumatism to which cause his death is attributed. He was born near Pleasant Gap this county and was in his 23rd year.

The remains of the deceased were brought to Pleasant Gap Wednesday on the 4 o'clock train and the funeral will take place Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from the Smeltzer home.

Besides his father and mother the young man is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Lillie M., Wm. C., Minnie E. and Andrew Dallas.

This paper extends its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Social Gathering at Fillmore.

Miss Anna Rockey, daughter of John Rockey, of Fillmore, entertained a number of her friends last Friday evening, at their comfortable home in honor of her guest, Miss Margaret Tressler, of Houserville. On account of the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not as large as expected but those who were there passed a most delightful evening. The evening was spent in social conversation, playing games, music, etc., and at a late hour a grand supper was served which certainly was a credit to the culinary ability of those who prepared it. All the delicacies of the season were there and in plenty, and it is safe to say that no one left that table hungry. It was a late hour when the party broke up and Miss Rockey and her friends had entertained so charmingly that it was with a feeling of regret that the guests left this hospitable home.

Cupid's Net.

The following marriage licenses have been issued during the past week by Register G. W. Rumberger: Thomas J. Decker and Birdie J. Heckman, both of Gregg twp.

C. J. Styers, of Coburn, and Amanda C. Dress, of Rosecrans, Pa. Sterling Miller, of Tylersville, Clinton county, and Edna N. Long, of Rebersburg, Centre county.

Joseph F. Heichel, of Blanchard, and Lizzie Wagner, of Howard.

Isaac Lanner, of Union twp., Centre county, and Eliza Cowpher, of Rush twp., Centre county.

Elijah B. Sharp, of Milesburg, and Margaretta Wetzler, of Principe Furnace, Maryland.

An Easter Ball.

The Undine band and fire company are preparing to have one of the finest balls ever given in Bellefonte. It will come off Easter week sometime. Further notices will be given as the time approaches for this grand affair.

The young men also wish to announce that on the 4th of July they will have one of the largest picnics ever given in Centre county. It will be held at Hecla Park. Fire companies from a good many towns have been invited and have accepted the invitation. So look out for a big time on the 4th.

Young Thieves in Centre County.

The arrest at State College Monday, of seven boys, from 14 to 18 years of age, reveals the existence of an organized band of robbers, who were seeking to pattern after the Jesse James gang. The band was made up of more than a dozen of boys, who stole everything they could get hold of, their preference being turkeys and chickens. Eleven have now been arrested.

Dr. Atherton Will Protest.

Dr. George W. Atherton, of State College, went to Washington Tuesday, to protest against the passage of the bill providing for the disposal of all public lands in the Western States.

Dr. Atherton says the passage of such an act would be the ruin of every State College.

—Trout fishermen will soon be in their glory.

PERSONAL PENCILINGS

Ex-Judge A. O. Furst is transacting business in Huntingdon.

Mrs. Wm. Singer and her little son visited friends in Howard last week.

Ex-sheriff Robert Cook, of Howard, transacted business in town Friday.

Dr. Emerick, of Centre Hall, transacted business in town Friday.

B. C. Achenbach and wife, of Lock Haven are visiting friends in town.

Balser Weber, of Howard, transacted business in town Monday.

Mrs. Sue McMicken, of Westport, is visiting Mrs. Shortlidge and her daughter Annie.

H. H. Harshberger Esq., returned Saturday night from a business trip to Washington.

T. M. Stevenson Esq., of Lock Haven, transacted legal business in Bellefonte Tuesday.

Mrs. L. D. Hite, of Pittsburg, is visiting her brother, Councilman James Houser, on Bishop St.

Shem Spigelmeyer and wife drove over to Millheim Monday to visit his brother Jerome Spigelmeyer of that place.

Miss Bertha McCormick, of Centre Hall, is visiting at the home of Jas. E. Scott, on Pine street.

Miss Nellie Bradley, of Bradford, Pa., is visiting at the home of her father, Benjamin Bradley of this place.

Mrs. James R. Harris, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the pleasant home of her brother George VanTries on East Linn street.

C. P. Long, of Spring Mills, transacted business in Bellefonte Wednesday. He was a pleasant caller at this office during the day.

Miss Martha McEntire, the obliging clerk in Zeller's drug store, has gone to Washington city to see the sights and enjoy her self.

Mr. Frank Derstine the genial young clerk at Montgomery & Co. large clothing house is laid up with the mumps. Frank you have our sympathy.

Hon. John A. Daley, of Romola, transacted business in town Wednesday. His name is prominently mentioned as a candidate for the legislature.

Miss Jennie Klinger, who has been visiting at the home of George L. Marshall, on High street, returned to her home at Lemont on Tuesday.

Mr. Elmer Yeager and wife, of Altoona, arrived in Bellefonte Monday morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. Frank Kerns, a sister of Mrs. Yeager.

Messrs. J. B. and Harvey Martin, of Philadelphia, were the guests over Sunday at the pleasant home of Mr. Al Diehl on North Thomas street.

Ollie Campbell has been transferred from Clearfield to Bellefonte as manager of the telephone exchange here, to succeed James Wooster who goes to Scranton, Pa.

Judge R. W. Archibald, of Scranton, is at present in Bellefonte holding a special term of court. He is a learned lawyer and one of the ablest judges in the State to-day.

Marcellus Sankey, of Potter's Mills, passed through Bellefonte Wednesday on his way home from Lock Haven where he had been attending the Central State Normal school.

James A. Feidler, at one time one of Bellefonte's hustling newspaper men but now connected with the Williamsport Times, is shaking hands with his many friends in this place.

Miss Clara Shrom, of this place, attended the wedding of Mr. Orrie Kling, of Tyrone, and Miss Maggie Watson of Ocoola, at the latter named place Tuesday evening March 14th.

Mrs. Catherine Bomser, of this place, will move her family to Harrisburg on the 1st of April where she will make her future home. Her son Roy and her daughter Mrs. Hummel both reside there.

Mr. J. I. Harris is now representing the Eastman, Garner & Co. Mississippi Yellow Pine of Miss. He just returned on Monday from a very successful trip selling fifteen car loads of lumber in Central Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Gentzel returned recently from the west where he went to purchase a car load of horses, but he returned empty handed as the price of horses has advanced so that he did not think it wise to purchase.

Miss Jennie Irwin, the accomplished daughter of Robt. H. Irwin, of this place, returned home on Wednesday last week after a two months visit with friends in Altoona. Miss Jennie reports having had an excellent time.

Edward Humes, of Bellefonte, who has been the efficient bookkeeper for Lyon & Co., for several years past, will leave this place this week and go to DuBois, Clearfield county, where he will engage in the gent's furnishing business.

—The umbrella man was on deck yesterday a sure indication of spring.

—The grain in this section of the state is said to be looking exceptionally well, and a heavy wheat crop is looked for.

—Mr. Charles Garie, of Pleasant Gap, completed a job of cementing in the stable of Charles Swartz at that place last week, which is a credit to his ability in that line. The cement used is the famous Logan cement made by John Uhl.

A VERY SAD DEATH.

Mrs. Frank Kerns nee Agnes Rapp Passes Into Eternity.

On Saturday afternoon the sad intelligence reached Bellefonte of the death of Mrs. Frank Kerns, better known as Miss Agnes Rapp.

For quite a long time Mrs. Kerns was in the employment of Mr. J. M. Laurie, the laundryman, and it was there she met her husband, Mr. Frank Kerns. On the 14th of last July these two were happily married, and about three months ago they moved to Sunbury where Mr. Kerns started a laundry of his own.

About eight days ago a bright, bouncing baby boy was born, and it seemed as though both were getting along nicely when Mrs. Kerns took suddenly ill and died about dinner time on Saturday.

Mrs. Kerns was born in Snow Shoe on the 4th of May, 1875, and died on the 19th of March, 1898, making her age 22 years, 10 months and 15 days.

She has been a consistent member of the St. Johns Roman Catholic church ever since she was a mere child and died in that faith. She leaves to mourn her loss a loving husband and child, a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rapp, of this place, and three sisters and one brother, namely, Chas. Rapp, who is now in Philadelphia; Mrs. Elmer Yeager, of Altoona; Regina and Rura, of Bellefonte.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mrs. Agnes Rapp Kerns, wife of Frank Kerns, of Sunbury, took place Tuesday at 10 o'clock a. m., from the St. John's Catholic church on Bishop St. The large edifice was well filled with the sorrowing friends and relatives of the deceased. Requiem mass was said for the departed one by Rev. P. McArdle pastor of the church. After the solemn services were over the funeral cortege proceeded to the Catholic cemetery where the interment was made.

The pall-bearers were Daniel Nolen, John Nolen, Harry Parks, James Nolen, all of Bellefonte; Leo Hopkins of Snow Shoe; and James Resides of Houtzdale.

First of the Season.

J. H. Elkinhood, of near Poes Mills, had a hair raising experience on Tuesday. He, with a party of three others, were out chasing foxes. They were in the vicinity of the Bear Meadows, in the Seven mountains. The dogs were lively on the track of a fox and Elkinhood, to head the Reynard off, started on a brisk run across a low sandy flat. While thus running the man felt the ground give way under his weight and the next minute he fell down about fifteen feet into a den of snakes. Elkinhood was but little stunned by the fall and at once realized his predicament. On every side were coiled in a conglomerated mass reptiles of various kinds. The common garter snake, water snakes, blowing vipers, copperheads and rattlesnakes were all housed up together for the winter, but, fortunately for the hunter, they were all in a semi-conscious or torpid condition and not at all dangerous. The fall of earth aroused the reptiles sufficiently to start them into a crawling writhing mass, and the vapor and smell arising from the den was of the most sickening and nauseating kind possible to imagine. Elkinhood attempted to struggle out of the den, but the crumbling of the earth made self-exit impossible, and it was all he could do to keep out of the way of the snakes and inhale fresh air sufficient to keep him conscious until help came. Although he really was not in the den over fifteen minutes, it seemed like an hour before his companions, attracted by his cries, discovered him, and with a pole assisted Elkinhood to the top. The den was, perhaps, twelve feet in size, and the men estimated the number of snakes therein as away up in the hundreds, enough to fill a half dozen bushel baskets. The crust of earth on top of the den was about twenty inches in thickness, and it is supposed that it was loosened and weakened by the frost coming out of the ground.

A Fine Horse.

Mr. Louis Gettig has one of the finest horses in Bellefonte. He purchased it a few days ago near Lemont, and since then he has had some very good chances of selling it. One man in town offered him two of his best horses for this one.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

LECTURE FRIDAY EVENING.

Mrs. Hoffmann Proves to Be an Excellent Speaker.

A large and appreciative audience listened attentively to Mrs. Hoffmann Friday evening in her array of facts. The question "What is the W. C. T. U. doing anyway?" showed that scientific temperance instruction laws have been passed in every state but four in all our governments, schools and territories, making it obligatory that hygiene and physiology, with special reference to narcotic and alcoholic drinks, should be taught in every school receiving State or Government aid. Laws in many of our States which at the tender age of 10, 12 and 14 held a child responsible for her own ruin, have been raised to 16, 18 and 21. Police matrons have been added to the police force in the majority of our large cities to examine the women, girls and children brought to the stations. Depot matrons, whose duty it is to see that innocent young girls arriving in the city are protected from the human vultures waiting to entice them into lives of wretchedness and shame, are also in all our large cities.

Quarterly temperance lessons have been added to the International S. S. lessons for years, through the efforts of the W. C. T. U. The church, which in its use of alcoholic wine as an emblem of the pure blood, which was poured out for the salvation of men, is rapidly disappearing. The day is not far distant when that which we prohibit from our own tables will be banished from the Lord's table. Exception was taken to the speaker's arraignment of the church for its complicity with the liquor. The remarks were severe, we admit; so is the knife of the surgeon who cuts into the flesh to remove a tumor, or amputate a limb, to deaden the pain anaesthetics are given. The same rule has been applied to many of our church members. The truth is severe, and requires christian fortitude to bear it. The facts are not what they care to hear. With a protestant population of 20,000,000 church members, 4 or 5 millions of them voters, they could settle the liquor question, but as the prophet has said: "My people love to have it so, and what will ye do in the end thereof?"

Music rendered by the Prohibition Quartette at the temperance meeting was excellent and just to the point.

Will of the Late J. H. McClure.

The late J. Harvey McClure by his will dated Feb. 10, 1896, gave to Mrs. Kate McClure, wife of his son, William M. McClure, all his household goods and effects; his stone house on Bishop street during her life, after her death the property is to go to his children; the use, rents of frame house on Logan street during the life of Charles McClure, after his death the same to go to James I. McClure; of his frame and stone house on Spring street he gives the income to Charles McClure during his lifetime, and his death the property is to go to his heirs, and if there be no heirs the same to go to the heirs of Mrs. Kate McClure. To his son James I. McClure, he gives his three-story brick house on Bishop street and makes him executor of his will.

He Don't Say It.

An exchange says that a newspaper field is a wide field of roses and thorns. When you roset the preacher, the ungodly smiles; when you roset the godly the preacher smiles. If you roset the saloon man the teetotaler smiles when you roset the teetotaler the saloon man will ingly set them up. If you swear you are a wicked man, and if you pray you are a hypocrite. If you have an opinion you get cussed, and if you don't you are a nonentity. The preacher knows one thing, the saloon man another, but the newspaper man is expected to know everything.